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# Iterative Methods for Eigenvalue Problems of a General Complex Matrix

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $C$  be the set of complex numbers. We consider the following eigenvalue problem of a general complex  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$

$$(1) \quad Az = \lambda z, \quad \|z\|^2 = 1.$$

Here  $A = (a_{i,j})$ ,  $a_{i,j} \in C$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ ,  $\lambda \in C$ ,  $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)^T \in C^n$ ,  $\|z\| = \sqrt{z^H z}$ ,  $T$  and  $H$  denote transpose and conjugate transpose, respectively. In order to obtain approximate eigenvalue  $\lambda$  and its corresponding eigenvector  $z$ , (1) can be written as a system of complex nonlinear equations

$$(2) \quad F(Z) = F(z, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} Az - \lambda z \\ -\frac{1}{2}(\|z\|^2 - 1) \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

Here  $Z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n, \lambda)^T \in C^{n+1}$ .

**Remark 1.** We note that  $\|z\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n |z_j|^2$  is not a differentiable function of

complex variables  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$ .

We use the following notations ( $t > 0$ ,  $d \in C^{n+1}$ ,  $I_n$  denotes the  $n \times n$  identity matrix):

$$g(Z) = \frac{1}{2}\|F(Z)\|^2, \quad g'(Z, d) = \lim_{t \rightarrow +0} \frac{g(Z + td) - g(Z)}{t},$$

$$J(Z) = J(z, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} A - \lambda I_n & -z \\ -z^H & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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**Remark 2.** When  $A, \lambda, z$  are real-valued,  $J(Z)$  represents the Jacobian matrix of  $F(Z)$ . However, when  $A, \lambda, z$  are complex-valued,  $J(Z)$  does not represent the Jacobian matrix of  $F(Z)$  because of the nondifferentiable term.

## 2 Iteration and Convergence

For solving (2) by iteration with line search, we put  $Z_k = (z_{1,k}, \dots, z_{n,k}, \lambda_k)^T$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Then we have the following iterative method GDNM (generalized damped Newton method) by using initial vector  $Z_0$  and constants  $\beta, \sigma \in (0, 1)$ .

$$(3) \quad \begin{cases} \text{step 1 : By assuming that } F(Z_k) \neq 0 \text{ and } J(Z_k) \text{ is nonsingular,} \\ \quad \text{solve } F(Z_k) + J(Z_k)d_k = 0 \text{ to get } d_k. \\ \text{step 2 : Let } m_k \text{ be the smallest nonnegative integer } m \text{ such that} \\ \quad g(Z_k + \beta^m d_k) - g(Z_k) \leq \sigma \beta^m g'(Z_k, d_k), \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ \quad \text{Set } Z_{k+1} = Z_k + \alpha_k d_k \text{ with } \alpha_k = \beta^{m_k}. \\ \text{step 3 : Test } Z_{k+1} \text{ for convergence.} \end{cases}$$

Furthermore, when  $J(Z_k)$  is singular we also have the following iterative method GDGNM (generalized damped Gauss-Newton method) by using initial vector  $Z_0$  and constants  $\beta, \sigma \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\mu > 0$ .

$$(4) \quad \begin{cases} \text{step 1 : By assuming that } J(Z_k)^H F(Z_k) \neq 0, \text{ solve} \\ \quad J(Z_k)^H F(Z_k) + (J(Z_k)^H J(Z_k) + \mu I_{n+1}) d_k = 0 \text{ to get } d_k. \\ \text{step 2 : Let } m_k \text{ be the smallest nonnegative integer } m \text{ such that} \\ \quad g(Z_k + \beta^m d_k) - g(Z_k) \leq \sigma \beta^m g'(Z_k, d_k), \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ \quad \text{Set } Z_{k+1} = Z_k + \alpha_k d_k \text{ with } \alpha_k = \beta^{m_k}. \\ \text{step 3 : Test } Z_{k+1} \text{ for convergence.} \end{cases}$$

Some lemmas are prepared.

**Lemma 1** [5]. *Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue and  $z$  be a corresponding eigenvector of  $A$ . Then  $\lambda$  is simple if and only if  $J(z, \lambda)$  is nonsingular.*

**Lemma 2** . *In GDNM, we have*

$$g'(Z_k, d_k) = -\|F(Z_k)\|^2.$$

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$$g'(Z_k, d_k) = -\left(J(Z_k)^H F(Z_k)\right)^H \left(J(Z_k)^H J(Z_k) + \mu I_{n+1}\right)^{-1} J(Z_k)^H F(Z_k).$$

**Lemma 3** . Suppose that  $F(Z_k) \neq 0$  in GDNM (or  $J(Z_k)^H F(Z_k) \neq 0$  in GDGNM). Then there exists a scalar  $s_0 > 0$  such that for all  $s \in [0, s_0]$

$$g(Z_k + sd_k) - g(Z_k) \leq \sigma s g'(Z_k, d_k).$$

We are now in a position to obtain the following results.

**Theorem 1** . Let  $Z_* = (z_*, \lambda_*)$  be a solution of  $F(Z) = 0$ , where  $\lambda_*$  is a simple eigenvalue. Suppose that  $Z_0$  is sufficiently close to  $Z_*$ . Let  $\{Z_k\}$  be a sequence given by GDNM (3). If  $\tilde{Z}$  is any accumulation point of  $\{Z_k\}$ , then we have  $F(\tilde{Z}) = 0$  and  $\tilde{Z} = (\delta z_*, \lambda_*)$ ,  $\delta \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**Remark 3.** When  $A, \lambda, z$  are real-valued, GDNM (3) with  $\alpha_k = 1$  ( $m_k = 0$ ) reduces to the usual Newton method which locally converges quadratically. When  $A, \lambda, z$  are complex-valued, we are not able to establish its rate of convergence because of the nondifferentiable term  $\|z\|^2$ .

**Theorem 2** . Assume that  $\{Z_k\}$  given by GDGNM (4) is bounded. If  $\tilde{Z} = (\tilde{z}, \tilde{\lambda})$  is any accumulation point of  $\{Z_k\}$ , then we have  $J(\tilde{Z})^H F(\tilde{Z}) = 0$  and  $\|F(\tilde{Z})\| = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{1 - \|\tilde{z}\|^4}$ .

### 3 Numerical Results

Some numerical examples will be shown to indicate the effectiveness by using the following matrices([2], [5]) with  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ .

**Example 1:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5+9i & 5+5i & -6-6i & -7-7i \\ 3+3i & 6+10i & -5-5i & -6-6i \\ 2+2i & 3+3i & -1+3i & -5-5i \\ 1+i & 2+2i & -3-3i & 4i \end{pmatrix}$$

eigenpair  $\{\lambda_*, z_*\}$ ;

$$\left\{ \lambda_{*,1} = 1+5i, \quad z_{*,1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad \left\{ \lambda_{*,2} = 2+6i, \quad z_{*,2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$\left\{ \lambda_{*,3} = 3+7i, \quad z_{*,3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad \left\{ \lambda_{*,4} = 4+8i, \quad z_{*,4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

**Example 2:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 3 & 1+2i & -1+2i \\ 3 & 7 & 1-2i & -1-2i \\ 1-2i & 1+2i & 7 & -3 \\ -1-2i & -1+2i & -3 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

eigenpair  $\{\lambda, z_*\}$ ;

$$\left\{ \lambda_{*,1} = 0, \quad z_{*,1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -i \\ -i \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$\left\{ \lambda_{*,2} = \lambda_{*,3} = 8, \quad z_{*,2} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1+i \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix}, \quad z_{*,3} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1+i \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$\left\{ \lambda_{*,4} = 12, \quad z_{*,4} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

**Example 3:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 14 & 9 & 6 & 4 & 2 \\ -9 & -4 & -3 & -2 & -1 \\ -2 & -2 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 5 & 3 \\ -9 & -9 & -9 & -9 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

eigenpair  $\{\lambda_*, z_*\}$ ;

$$\left\{ \lambda_{*,1} = 5, \quad z_{*,1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad \left\{ \lambda_{*,2} = \lambda_{*,3} = 2, \quad z_{*,2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$\left\{ \lambda_{*,4} = 1 + \sqrt{2}i, \quad z_{*,4} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 - \sqrt{2}i \\ -1 + 2\sqrt{2}i \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$\left\{ \lambda_{*,5} = 1 - \sqrt{2}i, \quad z_{*,5} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 + \sqrt{2}i \\ -1 - 2\sqrt{2}i \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

**Table 1.** Number of iterations for Example 1 ( $\beta = 0.8$ ,  $\sigma = 0.4$ ,  $\mu = 10^{-7}$ ).

$Z_0 = (z_0, \lambda_0)$	GDNM(3)	GDGNM(4)	$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_k$
$(1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 0)^T$	8	8	$\lambda_{*,1} = 1+5i$
$(1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 2.5+2.5i)^T$	7	7	$\lambda_{*,2} = 2+6i$
$(1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 3.5+6.5i)^T$	8	8	$\lambda_{*,3} = 3+7i$
$(1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 4.5+7.5i)^T$	7	7	$\lambda_{*,4} = 4+8i$

**Table 2.** Number of iterations for Example 2 ( $\beta = 0.8$ ,  $\sigma = 0.4$ ,  $\mu = 10^{-7}$ ).

$Z_0 = (z_0, \lambda_0)$	GDNM(3)	GDGNM(4)	$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_k$
$(1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 1)^T$	8	8	$\lambda_{*,1} = 0$
$(1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 5)^T$	8	7	$\lambda_{*,2} = \lambda_{*,3} = 8$
$(1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 15)^T$	7	7	$\lambda_{*,4} = 12$

**Table 3.** Number of iterations for Example 3 ( $\beta = 0.8$ ,  $\sigma = 0.4$ ,  $\mu = 10^{-15}$ ).

$Z_0 = (z_0, \lambda_0)$	GDNM(3)	GDGNM(4)	$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_k$
$(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 6)^T$	8	8	$\lambda_{*,1} = 5$
$(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)^T$	27	29	$\lambda_{*,2} = \lambda_{*,3} = 2$
$(1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 2+2i)^T$	9	9	$\lambda_{*,4} = 1 + \sqrt{2}i$
$(1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 2-2i)^T$	9	9	$\lambda_{*,5} = 1 - \sqrt{2}i$

**Table 4.** Number of iterations of GDGNM(4) for Example 3  
( $Z_0 = (1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 1+i, 2-2i)^T$ ,  $\beta = 0.8$ ,  $\sigma = 0.4$ ).

$\mu$	$10^{-1}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-5}$	$10^{-7}$	$10^{-15}$
Number of iterations	164	28	13	10	9	9

**Table 5.** Numerical solutions of Example 3 for GDNM(3)  
( $Z_0 = (1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 6)^T$ ,  $\beta = 0.8$ ,  $\sigma = 0.4$ ).

$k$	$m_k$	$\lambda_k$	$g(Z_k)$
0	19	6.000000	$1.925500 \times 10^3$
1	0	5.833238	$1.897355 \times 10^3$
2	0	5.722243	$3.030650 \times 10^0$
3	0	5.385764	$1.896446 \times 10^{-1}$
4	0	5.113088	$6.961577 \times 10^{-3}$
5	0	5.007389	$2.275923 \times 10^{-5}$
6	0	5.000017	$9.753440 \times 10^{-11}$
7	0	5.000000	$4.455883 \times 10^{-22}$
8		5.000000	$5.825032 \times 10^{-31}$
Exact $\lambda_{*,1}$		5.000000	

**Table 6.** Numerical solutions of Example 3 for GDNM(3)  
 $(Z_0 = (1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)^T, \beta = 0.8, \sigma = 0.4)$ .

$k$	$m_k$	$\lambda_k$	$g(Z_k)$
0	3	1.000000	$1.773000 \times 10^3$
1	0	1.170667	$8.189538 \times 10^2$
2	0	1.284823	$3.243613 \times 10^1$
3	0	1.555609	$3.970212 \times 10^0$
4	0	1.696398	$1.982624 \times 10^{-1}$
5	0	1.825814	$5.118973 \times 10^{-3}$
6	0	1.919700	$4.259145 \times 10^{-5}$
7	0	1.961583	$6.686242 \times 10^{-7}$
8	0	1.980819	$4.275822 \times 10^{-8}$
9	0	1.990409	$2.676738 \times 10^{-9}$
10	0	1.995205	$1.672907 \times 10^{-10}$
11	0	1.997602	$1.045567 \times 10^{-11}$
12	0	1.998801	$6.534791 \times 10^{-13}$
13	0	1.999401	$4.084245 \times 10^{-14}$
14	0	1.999700	$2.552653 \times 10^{-15}$
15	0	1.999850	$1.595408 \times 10^{-16}$
16	0	1.999925	$9.971308 \times 10^{-18}$
17	0	1.999963	$6.232045 \times 10^{-19}$
18	0	1.999981	$3.895013 \times 10^{-20}$
19	0	1.999991	$2.434478 \times 10^{-21}$
20	0	1.999995	$1.521745 \times 10^{-22}$
21	0	1.999998	$9.519367 \times 10^{-24}$
22	0	1.999999	$5.922877 \times 10^{-25}$
23	0	1.999999	$3.783560 \times 10^{-26}$
24	0	2.000000	$2.251309 \times 10^{-27}$
25	1	2.000000	$1.300824 \times 10^{-28}$
26	0	2.000000	$3.098399 \times 10^{-29}$
27		2.000000	$2.197792 \times 10^{-31}$
Exact $\lambda_{*,2} = \lambda_{*,3}$		2.000000	

**Table 7.** Numerical solutions of Example 3 for GDNM(3)  
 $(Z_0 = (1 + i, 1 + i, 1 + i, 1 + i, 1 + i, 2 + 2i)^T, \beta = 0.8, \sigma = 0.4)$ .

$k$	$m_k$	$\lambda_k$	$g(Z_k)$
0	2	$2.000000 + 2.000000i$	$3.613125 \times 10^3$
1	0	$1.653234 + 2.274796i$	$1.246445 \times 10^3$
2	0	$1.333469 + 1.998749i$	$9.134617 \times 10^1$
3	0	$1.200091 + 1.736889i$	$5.682852 \times 10^0$
4	0	$1.098347 + 1.556285i$	$2.915130 \times 10^{-1}$
5	0	$1.030216 + 1.455280i$	$7.324111 \times 10^{-3}$
6	0	$1.002658 + 1.417781i$	$2.143398 \times 10^{-5}$
7	0	$1.000012 + 1.414230i$	$2.790953 \times 10^{-10}$
8	0	$1.000000 + 1.414214i$	$2.839812 \times 10^{-20}$
9		$1.000000 + 1.414214i$	$5.926901 \times 10^{-31}$
Exact $\lambda_{*,4}$		$1.000000 + 1.414214i$	

**Table 8.** Numerical solutions of Example 3 for GDGNM(4)  
 $(Z_0 = (1 + i, 1 + i, 1 + i, 1 + i, 2 - 2i)^T, \beta = 0.8, \sigma = 0.4, \mu = 10^{-15})$ .

$k$	$m_k$	$\lambda_k$	$g(Z_k)$
0	2	$2.000000 - 2.000000i$	$3.613125 \times 10^3$
1	0	$1.653234 - 2.274796i$	$1.246445 \times 10^3$
2	0	$1.333469 - 1.998749i$	$9.134617 \times 10^1$
3	0	$1.200091 - 1.736889i$	$5.682852 \times 10^0$
4	0	$1.098347 - 1.556285i$	$2.915130 \times 10^{-1}$
5	0	$1.030216 - 1.455280i$	$7.324111 \times 10^{-3}$
6	0	$1.002658 - 1.417781i$	$2.143398 \times 10^{-5}$
7	0	$1.000012 - 1.414230i$	$2.790953 \times 10^{-10}$
8	0	$1.000000 - 1.414214i$	$2.839797 \times 10^{-20}$
9		$1.000000 - 1.414214i$	$3.827295 \times 10^{-31}$
Exact $\lambda_{*,5}$		$1.000000 - 1.414214i$	

Thus, we can see that the iterative methods are effective and Theorems 1 and 2 are valid.

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